

For at least the reasons previously mentioned, Applicant submits the cited art does not appear to teach or suggest the combination of features in claims 315, 317, and 322-323. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejections to the claims.

H. Summary

Based on the above, Applicant believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fees are due with the filing of this response. If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees have been inadvertently omitted or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5119-00523/EBM.

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